

Christian Science Lecture
First Church of Christ, Scientist, Mexico,
Mo., Announces a Free Lecture on
Christian Science by
PROF. HERMANN S. HERING
OF CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother
Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in
Boston, Massachusetts.
**Thursday, November 19, at 8 O'clock at the
Court House**
PUBLIC CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

**GERMAN INVASION OF
ENGLAND IS PREDICTED**

Dr. Armand Carl Graves, Former
Personal Spy for Kaiser, Tells of
Preparation

HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS

"Revelations" of Dr. Graves Are Ap-
pearing Regularly in the Even-
ing Ledger.

Dr. Armand Carl Graves, inter-
national spy and secret service man,
has given out some startling details
of Germany's proposed raid on Eng-
land which, he asserts, will take place
between November 25 and 30. He al-
so predicted that the war would last
more than two years and that six
months from now Russia would not
be at war with Germany. Dr. Graves'
revelations as a personal spy for the
Kaiser of Germany are appearing in
the Ledger.

"The chief object of Germany," said
Dr. Graves, "is to eliminate Eng-
land from the conflict. All of its en-
ergies are being centered upon that
one thing."

"The first steps to be taken provid-
ed for means of transportation to in-
vade the British Isles and were com-
pleted some time ago."

"While this was being done hun-
dreds of barges were prepared and
stored in such centers as Stettin,
Frankfurt, Oder and Berlin. These
barges are three hundred feet long,
forty-five feet wide and will carry
750 men each as well as supplies and
ammunition sufficient for a month's
campaign."

"The German aerial fleet is at Ant-
werp and will take a prominent part
in the invasion. The recent desperate
struggle of the German army to gain
control of the coast towns has been
with the one purpose in view of pro-
viding a point where barges can be
mobilized."

"Even German manufacturers who
built the barges have not been aware
of their existence. An order was given
for certain sections to one manufac-
turer and ready for another."

GERMANS READY FOR RAID
"Germany now has a clear water-
way from Berlin to Antwerp and Ost-
end, over which the barges can be
moved. To my knowledge, there are
five hundred of these barges ready for
use, probably more, at this time. A
force of 275,000 men, fully equipped
for one month's service, can be trans-
ported to England in short order. The
time required for the passage will be
only five hours."

"When all is in readiness the Ger-
man high sea fleet will engage the
British fleet, aided by Zeppelins. At
the same time a fleet of at least thirty
Zeppelins will destroy the Channel
towns on the English coast in order
to protect the landing of the troops."

"The German naval fleet has lain
for two months in protected waters,
and is in much better shape than the
British squadron, which has been in
service constantly on the alert and
buffeted by the seas."

To Send an Ultimatum
"The program of the invasion as
outlined by the German general staff
some time ago will include the send-
ing of an ultimatum to London, al-
lowing not more than twenty-four
hours in which to surrender the city.
If the conditions are not complied
with the Zeppelins will proceed at
once to attack the city."

"Darkness will be no protection for
the maps in the possession of the Ger-
man authorities, which in connection
with compasses, will permit of bomb-
dropping with deadly accuracy even
though the city cannot be seen from
above."

MEXICO'S PAGE STORY
Sunday's Republic contained a
full page illustrated write-up of Mex-
ico's Round Up by Roberto Love
and A. B. Chapin. It was one of the
best advertisements Mexico has ever
had and placed us foremost among
the progressive counties and cities of
the state in the better farming move-
ment.

The Republic is doing much for
Missouri through the work of these
two clever men. They are advertising
the resources and progressiveness of
the state as it has never been adver-
tised before and in a way that is
telling and effective. The Ledger in
behalf of the people of Mexico, ex-
tends its fullest appreciation and
thanks for this splendid story ex-
plaining the "spirit" of Mexico and
Andrain county.

READ LEDGER WANT ADS

WE PAY CASH
Eggs per Doz. 27c or Better
All Kinds of Poultry at Highest Daily Prices
Hides, Rags and Rubber
Mexico Poultry Co.
Telephone 640

**"SEERESS" TELLS REPORT-
ER OF HIS "LOVE" AFFAIR**

"Princess Fussy," Blind Seeress
and Clairvoyant, Tells Many In-
teresting Things

BRUNETTE IS IN THE LEAD

But a Blonde Is on the Trail of the
Reporter, Who Needs Magne-
tism Developed.

Princess Fussy is "some" blind
seeress and clairvoyant and the re-
porter for the Ledger is strictly
"for" her. She told the reporter, on
Wednesday afternoon, that a cer-
tain young lady with black hair was
mated for him, but he couldn't get
her "til his powers" had been devel-
oped. She added that she was the
only real "developer" of "powers" in
the world—that she had been eight-
teen years in a Hindu Temple study-
ing how to "develop" the "powers" of
men and women to control them-
selves.

The "Princess" is a thin, dark-com-
plexioned woman, apparently about
twenty-five years old. She dresses
in fancy, gaudy-colored costumes with
many strings of beads around her
neck and a bunch of bracelets on her
arms. She speaks very broken Eng-
lish when giving a psychic reading,
the kind the Ledger reporter got
for \$1.00. She entertains her custom-
ers at a small table in the corner
of a dimly-lighted room, the table
being covered with a Bible, several
slates and a large cash book.

Each customer writes his name,
age, occupation and three questions
on one of the slates upon entering.
She then answers the questions to
show her wonderful gift. It is then
that the psychic reading begins.
The remainder of this will be in the
first person:

As she took my right hand in hers,
she gave me a soulful look and puch-
ed a slate pencil into my palm. Fol-
lowing this came the delightful in-
formation concerning the beautiful
girl with the dark hair, who is just
crazy about me, and the flaxen-haired
lass who is "agin" me. She is also
fond of your truly. There is a man,
too, in the case, and he also is against
me, although he appears to be my
friend. (We suspect "Bully" Lane).

According to the "Princess," how-
ever, "I have his number" and don't
have much confidence in his advance-
ment. The brunette is my soul-mate,
and I will have her eventually, if the
seeress is wise to my future. "Why
not now?" she says, as she assures
me of her ability to develop my mag-
netic powers for a mere trifle in a
very short time. "She is meant for
you and you should have her now."

"I can see two marriages for you,"
she continues and my heart sinks for
fear the brunette will be the second,
if the magnetism remains undevel-
oped.

After love came business, and she
told me I should go West and "grow
up with the country." Shades of Hor-
ace Greeley! "The farther West you
go, the better you will succeed," she
rattled on, never stopping to say
whether I should stop at Moberly or
Kansas City or on the Pacific Slope.

It was about this time the usual
"large amount of money" broke into
the game. I am to be the recipient
of such a thing ere long, although
my "powers" should be developed to
aid in the proposition. It seems the
"princess" is bent on "developing"
me. Again she informed me of stay-
ing in the Temple for 18 years,
learning this extraordinary art.
Along with my getting the money
she tells me I'm to put over a deal
before long—which might mean
many things.

"Princess Fussy" then summed up
her whole story, which she seems to
have down "pat," and told me to
drop back before long and have my
magnetism and "powers" developed.
The price to be learned later.

The Ledger has been reliably
informed that an ordinance will be
introduced into the City Council short-
ly, excluding fortune tellers and clair-
voyants from Mexico.

THE LITERARY HOBO

WHO VISITED MEXICO

Nicholas Vachel Lindsay, hobo
poet, who, a little over a year ago,
tramped across Andrain county in
his literary wanderings through
this and neighboring states, has had
his book, "Adventures While Preach-
ing the Gospel of Beauty," published
by Mitchell Kennedy, of New York.
Mr. Lindsay who reminds one of David
Grayson, will be recalled by those
who met him here at the time.

Lindsay had a small booklet "Gos-
pel of Beauty," to be preached and
sung with "Rhymes to be Traded for
Bread" by a Twentieth Century Trou-
badour. He did not follow the rail-
roads, but the highways, and the in-
troduction to his booklet said, in part:

"I come to you penniless and af-
fect to bring a message. I am starting a
new religious idea. The idea does not
say "no" to any creed that you now be-
lieve in, but it calls you to a new heart
be called in your heart "the church of
beauty" or "church of open sky." The church of beauty
has two sides: the love of beauty and
the love of God."

After a hard day in the Kansas
wheat fields, Lindsay finds time to
preach his Gospel of Beauty to the
following written when worn and
tired from his labors above:

**WOMEN SAY RIDICULE
HAS AIDED SUFFRAGE**

Delegates to Conference at Chat-
taanooga See Early Victory For
Equal Suffrage

MRS. J. W. MILLION ATTEMDS

Mrs. Medill McCormick Urged Women
to Organize Campaigns by Con-
gressional Districts.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 11.—Pre-
dictions that the women of the United
States will have the ballot within a
comparatively few years and that
there will be no quarrel among lead-
ers over the methods by which it is
to be obtained, were voiced by Mrs.
O. H. P. Belmont of New York and
other women prominent in the suf-
frage movement, before the South-
ern States Suffrage Conference at
Chattanooga last night. Mrs. J. W.
Million of Mexico is attending the
Conference.

"We have progressed so far," Mrs.
Belmont said, "that we are disagree-
ing about the terms on which we
shall accept the vote—the inevitable
precondition of victory. I have sworn
allegiance to a national amendment,
while the Southern Conference seems
to hold to the principles of state
rights. If the latter method proves
effective I shall gratefully accept
the results."

This sentiment was indorsed by
the half dozen other speakers, includ-
ing Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch of
New York and Miss Laura Clay of
Kentucky.

One feature of the program was a
symposium dealing with a resolution
adopted in 1848 by the Woman's
Rights convention at Seneca Falls,
N. Y., declared to be the first pub-
lic demand by an organized body in
this country for "votes for women."

Ridicule Helped Suffrage
"It fell like a bomb," said Mrs.
Blatch. "The press poured out ridi-
cule on the demand. But blessed be
ridicule. It made known the birth
of the women's movement."

The immediate object of the South-
ern States Woman's Suffrage Con-
ference is to make the Democratic
party declare for "votes for women"
in its next national platform, accord-
ing to Miss Kate Gordon of New Or-
leans, who spoke Tuesday. Miss Gor-
don stated that President Wilson
had said he was helpless to act and
that any expression on suffrage
from woman suffrage for women
must come from the party. She de-
clared now was the time to seek that
expression from the Democrats.

Mrs. Medill McCormick of Chic-
ago, chairman of the congressional
committee of the National Suffrage
Association advocated a suffrage
amendment to the Federal Constitu-
tion. She urged the women to or-
ganize their campaign with the con-
gressional district as the unit and to
exert their influence upon their re-
presentatives in Congress to support
"votes for women."

Mrs. and Mrs. S. M. Gilbert will
leave on Tuesday for Rosedale, Kas.,
to visit their daughter, Mrs. Her-
man Meyer. They will be gone sev-
eral weeks.

(No. 1440)

**OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE
FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE CITI-
ZENS BANK AT BENTON CITY,
STATE OF MISSOURI, at the close
of business on the 31st day of Octo-
ber 1914 published in Mexico Led-
ger, a newspaper printed and pub-
lished at Mexico, State of Missou-
ri, on the 12th day of November, 1914.**

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts, unconditionally good
personal or collateral. \$1,291.95
Loans, real estate. 1,521.40
Real estate (banking house). 1,183.45
Real estate (other). 1,250.00
Furniture and fixtures. 1,100.00
Due from other banks and bankers. 1,970.54
Subject to check. 2,041.41
Savings. 1,820.14
Total. \$12,582.11

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in. \$10,000.00
Surplus fund. 1,500.00
Undivided profits, net. 1,970.44
Undivided profits, net to credit. 1,074.25
Time certificates of deposit. 4,339.75
Total. \$12,582.11

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss. We, J. F. John

ss. President, and W. H. Coit, ss. Cashier
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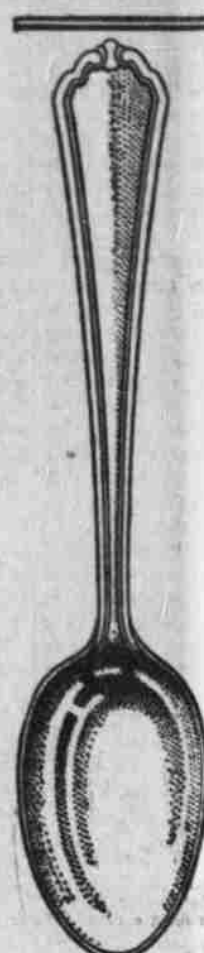
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**Final Price Offer
on Five "Puritan" Spoons
at \$1.25**

While we expect to continue selling the "Puritan" pattern per-
manently, this special price for 5 Teaspoons will not be presented again.
Those who want the benefit of this unusual value must take immediate action.

The "Puritan" is a very unusual pattern. Unfortunately it is not
possible to picture Silverware accurately in a newspaper. If it were, you
would observe a grace of outline and beauty of design that surpasses
anything heretofore attempted in the Colonial series. The "Puritan" is the
true expression of the Colonial period. It shows no meaningless attempts
at ornamentation. It is simple, rich and tasteful—a design that is sure to
stay in vogue for a long time.

We invite you to inspect this latest of Silverware creations. We
show many pieces besides spoons.

ROGERS SILVER

Each piece of "Puritan" Silver bears the trademark & ROGERS &
Each piece is guaranteed to render permanently satisfactory service. The manu-
facturer permits the user to be her own judge. No time limit is imposed.

The & ROGERS trademark is so well and favorably known that we feel
further discussion would be superfluous. Let us repeat:

You can get "Puritan" Silverware here at any time, but this
advertisement marks the last appearance of our "Five Spoon Offer."

"STEP IN AND LOOK AROUND"

on the Corner | **Worrell, The Jeweler** | Mexico

**REAL ESTATE
TRANSFERS**

THOMPSON

Operator Tolbert has gone to Mo-
berly to work in yard office and is re-
lieved by C. Hasting of New Florence.
C. A. Grimley, formerly agent for
C. & A. at this place but now at Van-
dalia, has taken 30 days vacation and
departed for San Francisco, Cal.
W. M. Thompson remodeled a pair
of scales for Wheeler Cart recently.
F. A. Pearl was here Saturday on
business.

Mrs. Ross Grant who was recently
operated on at Mexico hospital is at
her parents', Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dan-
iel, at Centralia, and is getting along
nicely.

Ross Grant sold Lakenan & Barnes
six calves for 8 cents a pound.
Wheeler Cart recently sold 100
ewes to Henderson Bros. of near Lu-
gan for \$5.00 a head and 100 to Lo-
gan & Bowen at the same price and
also purchased a load of cattle from
Ross Irvings.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Puls visited S. A.
Puls and family Sunday.
Many from here attended the
Round Up at Mexico last week.
Chas. Puls is gathering his crop
near Centralia.

Ross Grant was in Centralia Sun-
day.
H. E. Pearl purchased corn of Ray
Griffin at 50 cents a bushel in the
field.

Lon Jones sold corn to Wm. Blythe
at 70c per bu.
Ralph King shipped one load of
wheat to St. Louis last week.
Wheeler Cart purchased one cow
and calf of W. H. DeLamart for \$90.
H. E. Pearl bought one bay mare
from Walter McKeehan.

Mrs. Jack Puls returned from a
visit in Kansas City recently.
H. E. Pearl and family visited in
Mexico Sunday.

Mrs. Robt. Hill is on sick list.
Emmet O'Brien is in from Mon-
tana and visiting his brother, John,
near here.

BURKE

Stock buyers of near Auxvasse were
in our neighborhood Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. Pryor of Salt River
township visited their son, Curtis, on
Sunday.

Sam McElroy bought a cow and calf
from Sam Carr this week.
Hollis Davidson sold some corn to
Mr. Tyson recently.

Mr. Smoot bought 25 head of calves
recently.
Mr. Allison has lately rodded his
house and barn.

Curtis Pryor sold five mules to Mr.
Buckner for \$773.
James Offutt sold 22 lambs for \$7
per hundred to Fred Roberts.
John Smoot has recently vaccinated
his calves.

The protracted meeting at West-
minster is still in progress.
Ray Fishburn sold some corn to
Mr. Kennan for 70 cents a bu.
Mr. Fishburn's sister and her hus-
band are visiting him at present.

W. A. Willingham and family
spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Al-
len.

School was dismissed at Burke on
Thursday and Friday on account of
the Round Up.

No Peace Before 1917, Says Officer.
London, November 10.—The Daily
Mail today gives prominence to
an estimate of a distinguished
French officer, whose name, it
says, cannot be divulged, but who is
in a position to make such an estimate.
He says the Germans will not be
driven back over the Rhine until Feb-
ruary, 1917, and that peace will not
be concluded before 1917.

The officer bases on this estimate
a strong appeal to Englishmen not
to refrain from joining the army on
the idea that the war will soon end.

Furs and Sleights For Troops
London, Nov. 10.—A dispatch from
Copenhagen to the Central News
says:
"According to a Berlin telegram,
Germany is making enormous prepa-
rations for a winter campaign with
tents, sleights and fur outfits for an
entire army."

13th "Reason" Is Born
Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 11.—The
thirteenth "reason" a girl, weighing
11½ pounds, was born on Tuesday
morning to Mrs. Cornelius Roach,
wife of the Secretary of State.

Roach, in his campaign for election
to his present office, referred to his
12 children as "12 reasons" why he
should be elected.

W. A. Sharp is home from Neod-
asha, Kan.

**SERIOUS CRISIS WHICH
CONFRONTS MISSOURI R. R.**

Facts of Vital Interest to Every Far-
mer, Business Man and Citizen
of the State

SITUATION IN MISSOURI

Time Has Come When Rates Must
Be Increased or Railroads Will
Be Default.

The present series of articles is per-
haps the first instance in which the
railroads of a great state have gone
direct to the farmer, the business man
and the citizen generally to discuss
with them in a frank and candid man-
ner this great problem which is rais-
ing such a storm of protest and which
affects so vitally the welfare of the
welfare of every man, woman and
child in the land. The average Amer-
ican voter wants to be fair about his
public question and he is, once he
fully understands the situation, a fair
and just man.

And thus, had the railroads
taken their troubles directly to the
people some years ago, the chances
are we would not be confronted with
the stagnation which has gripped the
business world for some time past
and which, unless remedied in the
near future, threatens utter indus-
trial paralysis throughout the country.

Every railroad official in the Na-
tion today is doing everything in his
power not only to obey the mandates
of the Interstate Commerce Com-
mission and the different Public Ser-
vice Commissions, but also to aid and
facilitate their work in every possi-
ble way. As evidence of this state-
ment, we cite the following facts
with reference to the situation in
Missouri: In 1907 the Legislature of
Missouri enacted a 2-cent passenger
and also greatly reduced freight
rates upon a number of important
items. The railroads appealed and
won their case in the trial court.
Thereupon the state appealed to the
Supreme Court of the U. S. and that
high tribunal reversed the case with
out prejudice to the railroads on the
ground that the valuation of the
properties had not been properly es-
tablished. It did not say by its de-
cision, as is commonly supposed by
many people, that a two-cent pass-
enger rate is adequate in Missouri,
but that the present freight rates in
this state are fairly remunerative.

Had the railroads of Missouri cared
to do so, they could have filed new
suits the day after the Supreme Court
made its decision. Instead, however,
they chose to bring on the best of
terms. They met with the Public
Service Commission at Jefferson
City and agreed to give the reduced
rates a thorough trial—and today, in-
stead of going to the courts for re-
lief, they are giving their trouble and
fore the people and the Commission
with full confidence in their sense of
fairness and in the belief that they
will be willing to grant such an ad-
vance in rates as will enable the rail-
roads to continue to give good service
and to play their part in the
further development of the state.

Present Situation in Nut Shell
Briefly speaking, the present series
of articles has sought to establish the
following facts:

First, that the closing of the Euro-
pean money markets, added to their
already heavy burdens, has suddenly
brought American railroads to the
front with the greatest crisis in their
history—and hence the recent appeal
of President Wilson.

Second, that contrary to public
opinion, American railroads are own-
ed by nearly two million investors,
large and small, and that the rail-
road problem presents a series of
paradoxical phases. Whatever as-
sessment may have characterized their
past, as in some instances in the
case of the frequent charges that they
are "monopolies," the fact remains, as
was shown in a previous article, that
they are not only capitalizing for the
future, but are also paying out per-
centage of the dividends to the stock-
holders of the railroads.

Fourth, that the railroads are the
largest employers of labor, buyers of
steel, fuel, lumber and other supplies
and that the railroads are in the Na-
tion, and that for this reason they
constitute the very cornerstones of
the Country's prosperity.

Fifth, that while the products of
the farmer, the manufacturer, the
laborer and the trader are all being
advanced in cost by leaps and
bounds during the last 20 years, the
railroads stand out as the one organ-
ic industry in the Nation which has
not only been permitted to increase
its rates, but has been compelled to continually
reduce them.

The Situation in Missouri
Looking at the matter from purely
a Missouri standpoint, the time
has come when the people must
choose between giving the railroads
some substantial increase in freight
and passenger rates or sending a
lot more of them into the hands of
receivers. There isn't a single road in
Missouri which isn't losing money by
carrying passengers at two cents per
mile and the same is true of freight
rates, which in many instances are
10 per cent lower than those of ad-
joining states. Numerous railroads
state rates which have received the
approval of the Interstate Commerce
Commission.

In the meantime, the recent state-
ments in the metropolitan press, the
fact that the railroads are asking
for general advances of from 50 per
cent to 225 per cent are of course un-
true and misleading. In the near fu-
ture the public will be informed of
the exact requests which the railroads
will make.

As a general proposition, however,
the general public is inclined to view
an increase of railroad rates as an
increase of the cost of living. An in-
crease of 10 per cent, for instance, over
rates in effect now, would mean an
increase of 500 and 1,000 miles would mean
between 8 miles and one cent on the
average cost of clothes, 3 to 4 on a
pair of shoes, less than one mill per
dozen on eggs, 12 to 13 cent on a
two-horse plow and 93 1/2 cents on a
farm wagon—and for hauls of less
than from 500 to 1,000 miles the in-
crease would be proportionately less.

There would be nothing about this
problem which would alarm or in-
spire the antagonism of the average
citizen.

For every postage stamp a Missou-
ri road would cost it about a ton of
ample could be shown. To give them
adequate rates for the services they
render means they can go ahead with
a comprehensive program of state-
wide improvement, that they will be
able to put millions of dollars into
betterments and new extensions, put
many additional men at work in ex-
isting railroad shops in the State, in-
crease engine and cars, improve their
road beds, install block signals, buy
new engines and cars and otherwise
inaugurate an era of progress which
will enable us to make the most of
our agriculture, manufactures, mines,
timber and other interests.

As matters stand, numerous rail-
roads